

The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A reclosable package comprising:

first and second panels having opposed top and bottom ends, opposed lateral sides joined together by side seals, said first and said second panels comprising upper shroud portions and lower sidewall portions cooperating to form an interior cavity of said reclosable package;

first and second interlocking fastener tracks carried on said first and said second panels, respectively, so as to be spaced from their top ends, the fastener tracks extending from the side seal of one of the opposed lateral sides to the side seal of the other of the opposed lateral sides and having end stops at each end of the fastener tracks spaced inwardly from the side seals; and

a continuous score line formed in each of said first and said second panels to separate the shroud portions from the sidewall portions of said first and said second panels, said score lines extending adjacent said lateral seals at a point above said fastener tracks, downwardly across said fastener tracks at an incline and alongside said fastener tracks, so that with rupture of said score lines said shroud portions are removed, exposing said slider and said fastener tracks.

Claim 2 (Original): The package of claim 1 further comprising a slider movable along said fastener tracks for locking and unlocking said fastener tracks.

Claim 3 (Original): The package of claim 1 wherein said score lines extend below said fastener tracks.

Claim 4 (Original): The package of claim 1 wherein said score lines extending above said fastener tracks.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Original): The package of claim 1 wherein said score lines extend across said side seals.

Claim 7 (Original): The package of claim 1 further comprising cutouts in said side seals communication with said score lines.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Original): The package of claim 1 wherein said score lines are continuously curved.

Claim 10 (Original): The package of claim 1 wherein said score lines comprise straight line segments.

Claim 11 (Original): The package of claim 1 wherein, with said shroud portions removed, portions of said first and said second panels cover end parts of said slider and said fastener tracks adjacent said side seals.

Claim 12 (Original): The package of claim 1 further comprising a fin seal joining upper edges of the shroud portions of said first and said second panels.

Claim 13 (Original): The package of claim 1 wherein said first and said second panels are made of plastic sheet material.

Claim 14 (Original): The package of claim 1 wherein said score lines comprise laser score lines.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A reclosable package comprising:

first and second panels having opposed top and bottom ends, opposed lateral sides joined together by side seals, said first and said second panels comprising upper shroud portions and lower sidewall portions cooperating to form an interior cavity of said reclosable package;

first and second interlocking fastener tracks carried on said first and said second panels, respectively, so as to be spaced from their top ends, the fastener tracks extending from the side seal of one of the opposed lateral sides to the side seal of the other of the opposed lateral sides;

a slider movable along said fastener tracks for locking and unlocking said fastener tracks;

end stops formed in said fastener tracks adjacent said side seals and inwardly therefrom;

a continuous laser score line formed in each of said first and said second panels to separate the shroud portions from the sidewall portions of said first and said second panels, said score lines extending adjacent said lateral seals at a point above said fastener tracks, downwardly across said fastener tracks at an incline after clearing said end stops and alongside said fastener tracks, so that with rupture of said score lines said shroud portions are removed, exposing said slider and said fastener tracks.

Claim 16 (Original): The package of claim 15 further comprising cutouts in said side seals communication with said score lines.

Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Original): The package of claim 15 wherein said score lines comprise straight line segments.

Claim 19 (Original): The package of claim 15 wherein, with said shroud portions removed, portions of said first and said second panels cover end parts of said slider and said fastener tracks adjacent said side seals.

Claim 20 (New): The package of claim 1 wherein said score lines extending downwardly across said fastener tracks at an incline of approximately 45 degrees to the side seals.

Claim 21 (New): The package of claim 15 wherein said score lines extending downwardly across said fastener tracks at an incline of approximately 45 degrees to the side seals.